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Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has established a National Coir Research Institute (NCRI) in Kerala State for the research and development in coir industry;

(b) if so,the details thereof and the functions of such institute;

(c) whether the Government has provided any financial assistance for the functioning of the NCRI;

(d) if so, the total funds granted during each of the last three years,State wise;

(e) whether the Government of Kerala has submitted any request and project proposal for the expansion of the State Coir Research Institute; and

(f) If so, the details and reaction of the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MICRO SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRIMAHABIR PRASAD)

(a) to (d): The Government of India in the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises has not set up any new National Coir Research Institute (NCRI) in Kerala State.However, Coir Board, a statutory body under the administrative control of this Ministry,has promoted the Central Coir Research Institute (CCRI), Kalavoor (Alleppey) and Central Institute of Coir Technology (CICT), Bangalore for carrying out research and development activities in the areas of product development, product diversification,new uses of coir and modern processing technologies.Funds released to the Coir Board by the Government for carrying out the research and development activities through the two research Institutes during the last three years,irrespective of States, arc given below;-

Year	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Amount released (Rs.in crore)	5.50	5.50	7.00

(e) & (f): The Government of India in the Ministry of Micro,Small and Medium Enterprises has not received any request or project proposal from the Government of Kerala for the expansion of the State Coir Research Institute.